## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 95 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES, DELAWARE, RELATING TO RENTAL PROPERTY AND ANNUAL LICENSURE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Commissioners of the Town of Henlopen Acres deem it appropriate to amend the requirements for licensing of rental units; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment relating to rental licensing and rental units will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the Henlopen Acres community.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Town Commissioners, in session met, a quorum pertaining at all times thereto, in the manner following to-wit:

- **Section 1.** Chapter 95, Rental Property, Article I, Rental Unit Licensing, Section 95-3, Application for annual license, as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended by making the following additions as shown by underlining and deletions as shown by strikethrough:
  - A. Application for a license required by § 95-2 hereof shall be made on the prescribed form, which may be amended from time to time, to the Town Manager in the Town Hall, and no license shall be granted until the license fee shall have been paid in full. Each such license and such application shall specify to whom it shall be issued and give the following information, including but not limited to:
    - (1) The home and business address of the applicant.
    - (2) If the applicant is a partnership, the names and addresses of the individuals composing the partnership.
    - (3) If the applicant is a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers of the corporation.
    - (4) The specific location of the business, occupation or activity, giving lot and block number.
    - (5) The number of sleeping rooms or bedrooms in each rental unit and the number of persons to be accommodated.
    - (6) A statement that the applicant has complied with all laws and ordinances of the Town and that all taxes and assessments, if any due the Town, upon the property which the licensee will operate are paid.
    - (7) The name, address, and telephone numbers of at least one emergency contact person who shall be at least 21 years of age and who will be located within Sussex County, Delaware and available to be contacted at all times during the term, duration, or lease period of any lease or rental agreement for any rental unit.

- B. It is presumed that each license applicant and each license holder meets certain required qualifications and has completed an affidavit to such effect, as follows:
- (1) Has not made a misrepresentation of fact in the license application.
- (2) Has consistently complied with all provisions of this article and all other laws and ordinances of the Town.
- (3) Has paid all taxes, fees and assessments due the Town.
- C. No rental license shall be issued for any rental unit under Subsection A(5) of this section until the applicant shall certify, in writing, on a form prepared by the Town, that:
  - (1) Each such rental unit has the minimum number of functioning smoke detection devices, in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements.
  - The number of people per unit building is in compliance with the Housing Code of Sussex County and of the State of Delaware and, in any event, shall not exceed 12 persons, and acknowledgement of compliance with Town zoning laws., including the prohibition on group rentals provided in § 130-18.
  - (3) The term, duration, or lease period provided in any lease or rental agreement for any rental unit will not be less than seven days.
  - (34) The information on the application is true and correct and that a false answer can subject the application to denial or a license to revocation.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Town Commissioners of the Town of Henlopen Acres.

Adopted by the Commissioners of the Town of Henlopen Acres 10/9 . 2015

Secretary of the Commissioners of the Town of Henlopen Acres

**SYNOPSIS:** This Ordinance sets forth additional certifications to be made by an applicant for an annual license for rental units and further requires that such applicant provide the name and contact information for at least one local emergency contact person.